

and Committees to respond to constituent requests and to provide CRS products accordingly—CRS risks losing its status as an extension of our staff and the scholarly research and non-partisan analysis that are its hallmarks will be jeopardized.

That is why I think the pending amendment—which would remove Congressional offices from the equation and require that CRS prepared and maintain a central public Website for its products—is flawed. What is worse, requiring CRS to put all of its products on the Internet would cost millions of dollars—money that could be put to better use in recruiting new CRS analysts to replace those who will be eligible to retire shortly after the turn of the century. I simply cannot understand why CRS should be saddled with a project of this size when we in Congress already have the means to use existing technology to significantly improve the traditional method of distributing CRS products.

Madam President, as Ranking Member of the Rules Committee I have had several opportunities to hear out my colleague from Arizona on this issue. I urge him and any colleagues who support this amendment to follow the lead of the Rules Committee in offering CRS products to constituents via the Internet. As of now, no other Senate Committee—including the Commerce Committee, chaired by my colleague from Arizona—has taken advantage of the offer by CRS to assist Committee and Member offices with online access to CRS products.

Madam President, I have always believed that “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it”—and until it is clear that Committee- and member-sponsored online distribution of CRS products is inadequate, I do not think we should expend the energy of the Senate—or the resources of the CRS—on such a questionable solution. I urge my colleagues to oppose the amendment.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2330. A bill to improve the access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1432. An act to authorize a new-trade investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-6098. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Security Zone; Coast Waters Adjacent to Florida” (Docket 07-98-006) received on July 16, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6099. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Special Local Regulations; Cross River Swim Paducah Summerfest, Ohio River mile 934.5 to 936.0, Paducah, Kentucky” (Docket 08-98-040) received on July 16, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6100. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; New Jersey Off-shore Grand Prix” (Docket 05-98-006) received on July 16, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6101. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Beverly Homecoming Fireworks Display, Beverly Harbor, Beverly, MA” (Docket 01-98-082) received on July 16, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6102. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone: Parade of Lights Fireworks Display, Boston Harbor, Boston, MA” (Docket 01-98-083) received on July 16, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6103. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety/Security Zone: San Francisco Bay, San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait, and Suisun Bay, CA” (Docket 11-98-005) received on July 16, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6104. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model BAe 146-200A Series Airplanes” (Docket 98-NM-87-AD) received on July 16, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6105. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A320 Series Airplanes” (Docket 97-NM-197-AD) received on July 16, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6106. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-145 Series Airplanes” (Docket 98-NM-41-AD) received on July 16, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6107. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments” (Docket 29265) received on July 16, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6108. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation regarding Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands Rum Excise Tax Collections; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6109. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management,

transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled “Omnibus Federal Human Resources Administrative Improvements Act”; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations;

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals, Fiscal Year 1999” (Rept. No. 105-252).

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 971

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 971, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters, and for other purposes.

S. 1285

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1285, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that married couples may file a combined return under which each spouse is taxed using the rates applicable to unmarried individuals.

S. 1482

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1482, a bill to amend section 223 of the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a prohibition on commercial distribution on the World Wide Web of material that is harmful to minors, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers.

S. 2098

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2098, a bill to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands.

S. 2112

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2112, a bill to make the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 applicable to the United States Postal Service in the same manner as any other employer.

S. 2114

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2114, a bill to amend